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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Mr. Henry Martinez General Manager Imperial Irrigation District P.O. Box 937 Imperial, CA 92251-0937

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado River Water Diversion - Imperial

Irrigation District (IID)

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received IID's CY 2021 Colorado River water consumptive use estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides IID with notice of my determination regarding IID's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California, including IID's water entitlement. Based upon a review of the CY 2021 consumptive use estimate provided by IID, the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, the terms of the CRWDA, and other pertinent information, I approve the consumptive use of up to 2,560,800 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in IID's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated Colorado River water diversion of 2,631,266 AF.

IID's consumptive use estimate reflects an anticipated Colorado River water consumptive use need of 2,560,800 AF to 2,622,800 AF in CY 2021, and incorporates an "Estimate of Additional Conserved Water" amount of up to 62,000 AF. IID intends to use Additional Conserved Water for purposes including, but not limited to, the creation of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (EC ICS) for storage in Lake Mead. Reclamation notes that, pursuant to Section 3 of the California Agreement for the Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus, as amended, the actual amount of EC ICS IID may store in its Lake Mead ICS Account during CY 2021 will be limited such that the end-of-year balance does not exceed 50,000 AF. Additionally, should IID elect to use Additional Conserved Water to create and credit EC ICS to the ICS Account of another

contractor in the state of California through application of Section XI.G.3.B. 8 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, IID must first obtain written agreement of the contractor.

The table below provides the factors used to develop IID's approved diversion for CY 2021.

Water Budget Factor	Amount (AF)
Priority 3 Consumptive Use Cap	3,100,000
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(11,500)
1988 IID/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Conservation Agreement	(105,000)
IID Transfer to the San Diego County Water Authority	(205,000)
All-American Canal (AAC) Lining Project Conserved Water	(67,700)
Intra-Priority Transfer to the Coachella Valley Water District	(78,000)
Additional Conserved Water	(62,000)
Total Approved Consumptive Use	2,570,800
IID Consumptive Use met by the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	(10,000)
Total Approved Consumptive Use from the Colorado River	2,560,800
Estimated AAC Returns	70,466
Total Approved Diversion	2,631,266

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 in an effort to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of California will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities, or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting IID's consumptive use estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or jdodds@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

Stacy L. Wade

**Acting Regional Director** 

Interior Region 8: Lower Colorado Basin

Bureau of Reclamation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Referring to the 2007 Record of Decision for Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and the Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Laccke Mead.

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